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SUBJECT: U.S. APPROACH TO PRESIDENT SIAD ON FUTURE OF
BILATERAL RELATIONS

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1. UPON AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN'S RETURN TO MOGADISCIO, HE IS
INSTRUCTED TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT SIAD. AT

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THE APPOINTMENT HE SHOULD REFER TO AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S CALL
ON MARCH 24 (REFTEL). AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN SHOULD REAFFIRM
OUR DESIRE TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA AND CITE
THE INTEREST EXPRESSED IN HIS MEETING WITH HIGH-LEVEL DEPART-
MENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE SECRETARY OF STATE. IF THE
GSDR IS EQUALLY WILLING, WE ARE PREPARED TO RESUME A BILAT-
ERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND ARE PREPARED NOW TO

SEND AID REPRESENTATIVES TO SOMALIA TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE PROJECTS TO WHICH WE CAN USEFULLY CONTRIBUTE.

2. AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN SHOULD SPECIFICALLY SOLICIT PRESIDENT SIAD'S VIEW OF THE FUTURE OF US/SOMALI RELATIONS. FROM THE U.S. SIDE, HE SHOULD NOTE THAT OUR RESOURCES ARE NOT LIMIT-LESS, BUT IF THE RELATIONSHIP PROCEEDS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL CONCERN FOR THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PARTIES, WE HOPE OVER TIME TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO SOMALI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BOTH THROUGH AID AND, IF THE GSDR

WISHES, THROUGH U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT. FURTHER, WE ARE PREPARED TO ENCOURAGE OTHER FRIENDLY STATES TO INCREASE THEIR INTEREST IN SOMALI DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH SUCH STATES AND WITH SOMALIA IN APPROPRIATE PROJECTS. AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN SHOULD EXPLAIN THE CONSTRAINTS UPON AID DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND NOTE THAT SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS REQUIRE THAT U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL BE ABLE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE RELEVANT GSDR OFFICIALS AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR THEIR REPORTS.

3. IF SIAD RAISES THE QUESTION OF ACCESS TO MILITARY SUPPLIES, AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN SHOULD SAY THAT WE CANNOT ANSWER UNTIL WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR OWN REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S WORLD-WIDE ARMS TRANSFER POLICIES. IF SOMALI/US RELATIONS MAKE SUCH U.S. INTEREST APPROPRIATE, HOWEVER, WE ARE WILLING TO ASSIST SOMALIA IN INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF NON-U.S. SOURCES FOR ARMS TO SATISFY SOMALIA'S LEGITIMATE NEEDS.

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4. IF PRESIDENT SIAD RAISES THE SUBJECT OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO ETHIOPIA, AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN MAY SAY THAT OUR POLICY IN THE HORN IS AN EVEN-HANDED ONE. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION OF TERRITORIAL DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL MEANS. WE BELIEVE THE GSDR WILL FIND NO CAUSE FOR ALARM IN THE NATURE OF OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH ETHIOPIA.

5. BASED ON HIS ANALYSIS OF HIS TALKS WITH SIAD, AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN SHOULD SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH HIS RECOMMENDATION ABOUT WHETHER WE SHOULD NOW REQUEST PORT CALL FOR U.S. NAVY SHIP.

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